

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2019 - 6:30PM**

INVOCATION: Sgt. Pile

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Chris Moore

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:32pm by **Mayor Chris Moore** at the Lowell Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: **Mayor Chris Moore** asked the City Clerk for a verbal roll call. Council Members present were **Linda Vannoy, David Adams, Chasity Taylor, Dean Bitner, Thomas Evers, Todd Fenix and Lisa DeGifford and Eric Schein. Deputy Attorney Kieklak was present, also.** There was quorum. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – October 12, 2019

Lowell City Council Minutes Special Meeting – October 30, 2019

Financial Statement – October 2019

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Evers, Adams, Vannoy, Taylor, Fenix, DeGifford, Schein, Bitner

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Arvest Bank: Greg Stanfill, EVP and J. P. Barnett, SVP presented a check in the amount of \$7,000 to the City of Lowell for Ballistic Vests and JPX Units for the Lowell Police Department.
2. Deputy Chief Baggett presented Captain Jason Elam with a plaque for 20 years of service.
3. Mayor Moore read a letter mounted on a plaque from the Rogers fire Department thanking the City of Lowell for helping the City of Rogers with the devastation from the October tornado.
4. Mayor Moore presented a framed certificate to Karen Davis for her successful completion of the Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED) Certification.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:42PM Close: 6:42PM

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE RULE AND READ ALL ORDINANCES ONE TIME BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion to approve Procedural Motion.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Linda Vanoy

Voice Vote Aye: Unanimous

Voice Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Procedural Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING DISPATCH HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FOR THE LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

The upgrade and migration of the dispatch hardware, software and services for the City of Lowell Police and Fire Departments is in the best interest of the City of Lowell. It will provide necessary emergency services that are crucial for the continued health and safety of the citizens of Lowell.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Fenix, Adams, Vannoy, Evers, Taylor, Bitner, DeGifford, Schein

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 19-42.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

Councilmen agreed to pass the 2020 Budget as presented. Councilmen also agreed to remove the Police Department budget and vote on it separately due to conflict of interest of Councilwoman Taylor.

Motion to approve Resolution for everything but the police budget.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Adams, Vannoy, Taylor, Fenix, DeGifford, Schein, Bitner

Vote Nay: Evers

Motion to approve Resolution for everything but the police budget was approved

Resolution assigned No. 19-43.

Motion to approve the 2020 Budget for the Police Department.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Adams, Fenix, Vannoy, Bitner, Schein, DeGifford

Vote Nay: Taylor, Evers

Motion to approve the 2020 Budget for the Police Department passed.

3. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR BELLVIEW STREET IMPROVEMENT ROAD PROJECT FROM THE STREET FUND RESERVES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2019.

City of Lowell has secured a cost sharing agreement to complete the needed improvements and the city's share is \$185,000.00.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Adams, Evers, Fenix, Schein, DeGifford, Bitner, Taylor, Vannoy

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 19-44.

4. ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PORTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO BELLVIEW STREET.

It is in the best interests of the citizens of Lowell to best use of resources of the City of Lowell to waive bidding on the labor and materials required to join in the cost sharing arrangement to complete the improvements to Bellview Street.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: David Adams

Second: Linda Vannoy

Vote Aye: Fenix, Adams, Vannoy, Taylor, Evers, Bitner, Schein, DeGifford
Vote Nay: None
Motion to approve Ordinance passed.
City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.
Ordinance assigned No. 1043.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd beginning at 5:00PM. Tree lighting will follow the parade at Heritage Park.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Dean Bitner and second by David Adams. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes

Mayor/Chris Moore